

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 76

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A RESOLUTION to honor Mrs. Shaver's class at Dayton City School for their charity in service to injured Iraqi children.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding elementary schools that, through the dedicated efforts of their students, teachers, and administrators, bring honor to the State of Tennessee while providing a unique educational experience; and

WHEREAS, Dayton City School (DCS) is one such estimable institution that has distinguished itself through excellent teaching, quality learning experiences, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, after communicating with United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel J.D. Lowe, brother of teacher Kathy Shaver, the DCS special education class decided to send teddy bears to injured Iraqi children at the hospital in Balad, where Lt. Col. Lowe has been serving as a radiologist; and

WHEREAS, adopting the name The Teddy Bear Project, Mrs. Shaver's class has already collected 180 teddy bears and sent 30 of them, along with get-well cards, to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, this amazing teacher and her students have inspired parents, other teachers, and other staff members at DCS to donate bears and money for their purchase; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shaver has graciously taken the initiative throughout this entire project, from its inception, through the encouraging mail for Lt. Col. Lowe to her and her husband Mark's generosity in paying the shipping costs for mailing the bears to the children; and

WHEREAS, through this philanthropic service project, Mrs. Shaver's fourth grade students have evinced their deep commitment to the honorable principles of benevolence and love for their fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, the Dayton City School students' commitment to encouraging and assisting the most tragic and innocent victims of war epitomizes the spirit that is characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, we wish to seize this golden opportunity to specially recognize some of Tennessee's most outstanding students and their teacher; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and honor Kathy Shaver and her class at Dayton City School for their outstanding humanitarian effort, The Teddy Bear Project, and wish them every future happiness and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.